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1. DURING A MEETING ON JANUARY 12 WITH MFA PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS NIELS ERSBOLL, I HAD OCCASION TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION OF HIS WASHINGTON REMARKS ON GREENLAND. ERSBOLL RESPONDED THAT HE HAD SIMPLY WANTED TO CONVEY THE IMPORTANCE DENMARK PLACES ON SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BY THE EC COMMISSION FOR GREENLAND. CURRENT EC POLICIES, ESPECIALLY ON FISHING AND THE FREE MOVEMENT OF LABOR, ARE INAPPROPRIATE FOR GREENLAND, AND THE GREENLANDERS ARE THREATENING POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL IN 1979 IF CONCESSIONS ARE NOT FORTHCOMING. ERSBOLL SAID THE DANES WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY WINNING UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PECULIAR SITUATION IN GREENLAND FROM THEIR EC PARTNERS.

2. I ASKED WHAT THE DANES WANTED FROM US. ERSBOLL
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REPLIED THAT NO ACTIVE INTERVENTION IS DESIRED, BUT THAT IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, PARTICULARLY WITH THE LARGER EC COUNTRIES, THE DANES WOULD APPRECIATE OUR EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION. ERSBOLL CONCLUDED BY REMARKING THAT IN VIEW OF GREENLAND'S STRATEGIC LOCATION, MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS QUO THERE WAS AS MUCH IN THE US INTEREST AS IN DENMARK'S

AND THE EC'S.
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